

Comment of the day

CABINET CHANGES

THE reasons behind Mr Macmillan's cabinet reshuffle now stand out a mile.

Forgetting for a moment all the dear old pulchritudine which generally accompanies these moves, we find that the Prime Minister has placed two formidable critics of Britain's merger with the Common Market, just where he wants them.

And where he wants them is out of the way, at least at this moment as negotiations with the "Six" of the Common Market, assume a vital stage.

For Mr R. A. Butler as Leader of the House of Commons and Conservative Party Chairman, was in an excellent position to do some embarrassing sniping while negotiations were proceeding.

Hopes

NOW, Mr Butler, who has "relinquished these Offices" at the request of Mr Macmillan, "who feels" the need of Mr Butler's assistance during the ensuing negotiations, is in no position to snipe at his own party.

The second critic was Mr Reginald Maudling, former President of the Board of Trade. In that position, he could have been quite a nuisance; but as the new Colonial Secretary he is more or less on the outside looking in, as far as the Common Market negotiations are concerned.

It is now possible to see what Mr Macmillan hopes to achieve with these changes he has made:

- (1) To ease Britain's negotiations with the Common Market Six;
- (2) To satisfy right-wing rebels in his party who criticised the liberalism of former Colonial Secretary Macleod;
- (3) To prove that the Tories are still a dynamic party, supple enough to be victorious in the election battle which lies ahead.

Regarding that last point, the appointment of Mr Henry Brooke as Chief Secretary to the Treasury, a new post, shows that Mr Macmillan is taking the first step towards a rapid reinvigoration of the nation's economy and industry, in order to enable the country to join the Common Market without too many financial shocks.

First stage

BUT this much is certain. The cabinet reshuffle is the end of the first stage in the decline and fall of Mr Butler.

This began in 1957 when he expected to succeed Sir Anthony Eden. Instead Mr Macmillan took over from Sir Anthony, and now Mr Macmillan has seen fit to remove Mr Butler from his post as Leader in the House of Commons and Chairman of the Conservative Party.

On the other hand, the fall of Mr Butler balances the rise of Mr Macleod.

These political juggles are difficult to unravel. All that can be hoped is that they are performed in the best interests of Britain and her Commonwealth.

U.S. DENIES CUBAN CHARGES

Washington, Oct. 10. The State Department today described Cuban charges that the United States is planning an invasion of Cuba as "totally unfounded" and "ridiculous."

The Department spokesman, Mr Lincoln White, asked at his press conference to comment on the Cuban allegations, said: "I assure you that the reported allegations are not only totally unfounded but are ridiculous."

Mr Carlos Olivares, Cuban Deputy Foreign Minister, claimed in Havana last night that the United States was planning an invasion of Cuba.

He showed a group of 31 heads of foreign missions what he claimed was part of the evidence showing a "tremendous campaign" by the United States and the Central Intelligence Agency to "justify armed intervention."

He said the C.I.A. was planning "new aggression on a greater scale than that of the April invasion."—Reuters.

MIKOYAN: 'HORRIBLE REPRISALS'

Berlin, Oct. 10. Soviet Deputy Premier Anastas Mikoyan today threatened aggressors with "horrible reprisals" with rockets if they attack Russia.

Mr Mikoyan, in a speech at a steel workers' rally in the East German city of Freital, said the space ship Vostok II was an example of the advances made by Soviet science.

"These rockets are a powerful force," the East German news service ADN quoted him as saying. "The Soviet Union wishes to use them only for peaceful purposes."

Mr Mikoyan said, "If an aggressor should dare to attack the Soviet Union and the socialist camp they will get horrible reprisals."

Mr Mikoyan was on a tour of East Germany. He arrived in East Berlin on Friday for ceremonies marking the 12th anniversary of the formation of the East German state.—UPI.

Safe landing

New York, Oct. 10. A Boeing 707 jet liner made a safe landing at Idlewild airport today after one of its four engines flamed out shortly after takeoff for Los Angeles, California. The plane, carrying 11 passengers and a crew of eight, returned to the field on three engines.—AP.

Forbid entry of policemen into W. Berlin

Berlin, Oct. 10. East Germany's Communist regime tonight warned that any attempt to transfer West German policemen into beleaguered West Berlin will be considered "an act of aggression."

The threat was made in an East German note addressed to the three Western allies. It protested against a decision last week by the Interior Ministers of West Germany's provinces to send volunteer traffic policemen to West Berlin for short visits as a demonstration of solidarity.

"The Government of the (East) German Democratic Republic," the note said, "warns in particular against any misuse of the connecting links across its territory by land, water or in the air (to Berlin) for the execution of this West German decision."

Boy's leg caught in washing machine

Melbourne, Oct. 10. Three-year-old Wayne Rowe, hopped into his mother's washing machine while it was spin drying.

Now he is in hospital with a broken leg. Wayne climbed on to the washing machine to see five new kittens which were in a box in the laundry. He had been warned not to go near the kittens, so when he heard his mother coming he tried to hide in the washing machine. His mother, Mrs Dawn Rowe, managed to grab him but his bent leg had been struck by the agitator.—China Mail Special.

Bikini girls walk out after diners complain

Sydney, Oct. 10. A group of bikini-clad girls walked out of a cafe in the harbourside suburb of Watson's Bay yesterday when the proprietor asked them to cover their brief costumes.

Eight diners in the cafe had complained. One costume appeared to have been made from four handkerchiefs.

The cafe proprietor, Mr Tony Marinato, said: "Six bikini girls between 18 and 20 walked in at lunchtime. They all wore beach robes when they entered, but three of them removed them and sat in their bikinis."

Couldn't concentrate. "The bikinis disturbed one gentleman, who said he could not concentrate on his food," Mr Marinato said.

"A couple began an argument because the wife claimed the husband was taking too much interest in the girls."

"Several other customers also complained. I asked the girls to replace their robes or leave the cafe," Mr Marinato said.

"They left."

There has been a recent campaign against bikinis on Sydney beaches.—China Mail Special.

6 die in crash

Bonn, Oct. 10. At least six American soldiers were presumed killed in the crash of a U.S. army helicopter in Bavaria today, an Army spokesman said.

The H-34 helicopter was on a routine flight near the town of Parsberg when it plunged into an open field and burned. There were no survivors.—AP.

U.S. and Russia break off talks to name UN chief

United Nations, Oct. 10. The United States and Russia tonight broke off talks on plans to appoint a successor to the late Secretary General Mr Dag Hammarskjold.

After two hours and 20 minutes consultation at the U.S. mission between Soviet Ambassador Mr Valerian Zorin and U.S. Ambassadors Mr Adlai Stevenson and Mr Charles Post, a U.S. spokesman said there was no progress and it appeared "we have fallen back a little bit."

Disappointed

"We are disappointed," the spokesman said.

Mr Stevenson discussed the situation with Soviet Ambassador Mr Gromyko last night before the latter left for home and the official U.S. word then was that progress had been made and "we are very hopeful that some decision can be reached."

RUSSIAN DEFECTOR DID RESEARCH ON FALLOUT

Amsterdam, Oct. 10. A Soviet chemist, whose defection to the West brought on an airport brawl between the Soviet Ambassador and Dutch police, said today he had been engaged in research on how to overcome the effects of nuclear fallout on human beings.

Police quoted him as saying he defected because he lacked freedom to carry on this research.

The defection of 35-year-old Alexei Golub, a doctor in biochemistry, resulted in a clash yesterday when the Soviet Ambassador Mr Ponomarev and his aides went to Schiphol airport to put the scientist's wife on a Moscow-bound plane. She finally decided to leave her husband, perhaps forever, and went on back to Russia. They had come here as tourists.

Mr Ponomarev lost a button off his raincoat in the brawl, and at least one Soviet diplomat and a policeman nursed injuries.

The incident brought newspaper demands that Mr Ponomarev hereafter be given only a one-way admission to the airport—en route home. Golub was quoted as saying research on "how to remove strontium out of the human body without affecting the vital element, calcium," but his superiors made him give up the research for other work.—AP.

Berserk man kills 3

New York, Oct. 10. A labourer at the U.S. Steel Company's sheet and tin mill in Gary, Indiana, went berserk today and killed three men and wounded four others before a plant protection policeman killed him.

Police identified the dead as Arbie Davis, a labourer; Joe Guydon, labourer; Donald Moran, foreman; and Louis Nassa, general labourer foreman.

Police said Davis went berserk and suddenly began shooting a revolver. After he emptied the weapon, they said, a plant guard shot him down. Names of the wounded men were not immediately available.

An officer at the Gary police headquarters said it was not known immediately what caused Davis to start shooting.—AP.

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MACMILLAN-GROMYKO TALKS

Berlin discussed in a courteous atmosphere

London, Oct. 10.

Mr Andrei Gromyko, Soviet Foreign Minister, today discussed the Berlin question with Mr Macmillan for about 105 minutes and during the meeting gave the British Prime Minister an oral message of personal greeting from Mr Khrushchev.

The discussion did not bring the prospects for starting East-West negotiations any nearer, an authoritative source said.

The source said no new approaches were made and no new positions were adopted.

Mr Gromyko told Mr Macmillan that the meeting, which was attended by the Earl of Home, British Foreign Secretary, that he and Mr Macmillan had a "very interesting and useful conversation."

British sources said that much remained to be settled before a firm basis for successful negotiations on Berlin was found. However, the atmosphere was serious and courteous.

Dangerous

Both sides agreed that the Berlin situation was potentially dangerous and ought to be settled by negotiation.

Mr Macmillan, it was stated, made clear the British Government entirely endorsed the Berlin stand taken by the United States Government which had throughout been fully reported to the French and West German Governments and to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

The British Prime Minister again made clear the dangers attending any unilateral action over Berlin, particularly affecting Western access.

Mr Gromyko later attended an informal dinner party given in his honour by Lord Home.

The Soviet Foreign Minister, who had a meeting in the White House in Washington on Friday last with President Kennedy, flew here this morning from New York.

He is due to leave tomorrow for Moscow to report to Mr Khrushchev.

Mr Macmillan asked Mr Gromyko to convey his thanks to the Soviet Prime Minister for his message of personal greetings.

Mr Gromyko told reporters after the meeting with Mr Macmillan: "Of course we touched on the German problem as sometimes known in the West—we say more precisely a question of the German peace treaty."

Mr Gromyko said that following his talks here and in the United States he had the general impression that there was a growing understanding that

everything must be done by all responsible governments to avoid collision and to find a peaceful solution to any outstanding problems.—Reuter.

U.S. sets off third underground nuclear explosion

Washington, Oct. 10.

The United States today set off its third underground nuclear explosion since resuming tests last month.

Soviets protest against 'swoops' on Embassy

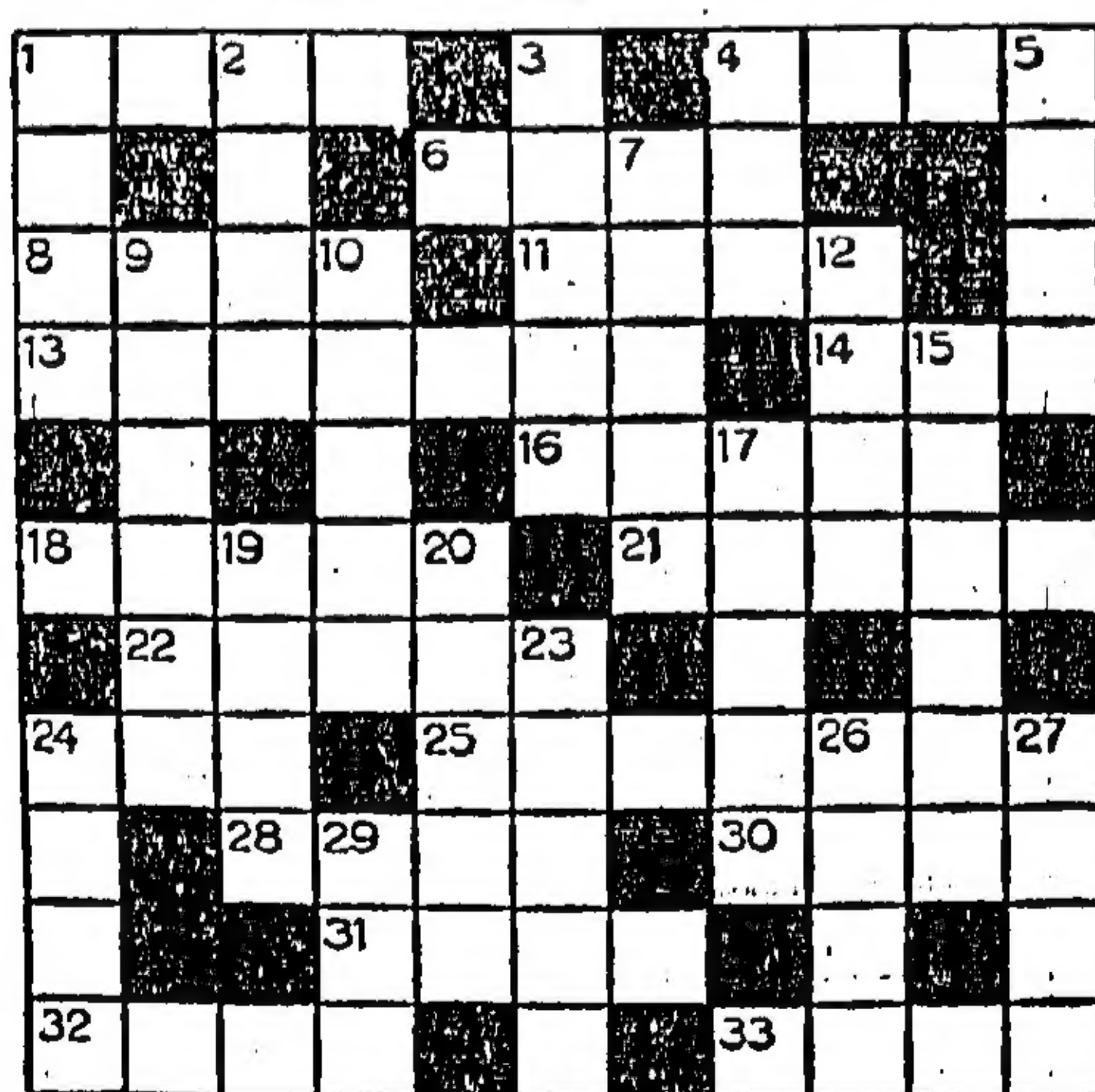
Moscow, Oct. 10.

The Soviet Foreign Ministry has lodged a "most categorical protest" against continued "bandit swoops" on the Soviet Embassy in the Argentine, the Soviet news agency Tass reported today.

The protest, handed over to Argentine Foreign Minister, said the attacks had not stopped, despite the promises of the Argentine authorities.

The note said attackers had used stones and homemade incendiaries last July 28 and September 29, breaking windows and setting fire to a door. It demanded that the Argentine Government take "immediate effective measures" to ensure the security of the Embassy and enable it to function normally.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Little pets.
- 4 Sour or sweet drops!
- 6 Spill the beans.
- 8 Poke.
- 11 Shock-headed cleaner!
- 12 Grave.
- 14 Do some drawing.
- 16 Be regular.
- 18 They're corks!
- 21 Speedy.
- 22 Preserves.
- 24 Boy king!
- 26 Corrected.
- 28 The one there.
- 30 Cross but tender.
- 31 Yes, yes!
- 32 Instrument.
- 33 Burlesque.

DOWN

- 1 Drinks for parent!
- 2 It's not even fair.
- 3 Healtate.
- 4 Mountain.
- 5 What 'X' equals.
- 7 Not a keeper!
- 9 Tick off.
- 10 It's mournful.
- 12 Movement.
- 13 Twist?
- 17 Ways.
- 19 Immediately after.
- 20 Flowers that squirt water?
- 23 Positions.
- 24 Skin.
- 26 Snapped.
- 27 Dextera.
- 29 Food for the actor.

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Harrow, 4 Flop, 7 Halo, 8 Fulle, 9 Away, 10 Rage, 12 Sped, 14 Rue, 16 Cue, 18 Nine, 20 Then, 23 True, 24 Gentle, 25 Hall, 26 Hind, 27 Rodent, Down: 1 Huff, 3 Rite, 5 Where, 4 Ping, 6 Lower, 8 Payce, 11 Aden, 13 Pine, 15 Return, 10 Catch, 18 Ingle, 19 Cross, 21 Head, 22 Stud.

BIG GOLD SEIZURE

Singapore, Oct. 10. Customs authorities here today seized a total of 80 gold bars on board the ship Ormara en route from Hongkong to India.

Each bar was stamped with the figure "999", indicating that the gold was almost 100 per cent pure.

A Customs spokesman said the discovery was the second big smuggled gold haul in Singapore in five days, the first being seized on October 5 when an off-loaded crate on the ship Ormara from Hongkong to India broke open to reveal hidden gold.

The spokesman said Customs men in Singapore now believed gold smuggling between Hongkong and India was being carried out on a large scale.—Reuter.

260 INHABITANTS

Loneliest island evacuated as volcano erupts

Capetown, Oct. 10.

Two ships, tossing in rough seas, took off all 260 inhabitants from lonely Tristan Da Cunha today while the island's "dead" volcano spouted lava high above them.

The rescue ships took the farmers and fisher folk of the world's loneliest island to an even more desolate one—uninhabited Nightingale Island 18 miles away.

This is the adventure of a lifetime for the people of Tristan, only 10 or 15 of whom have ever seen the outside world. Their home in the south Atlantic is about halfway between South Africa and South America.

Extinct

The master of one of the rescue ships, the *Tristan*, reported this morning: "Volcano pushed up 150 feet of lava. Flowing freely and smoking, no actual things flying out."

In a previous message he said: "Watching lava flow. Cone seems to be getting brighter and lava seems to be following."

Nobody has so far been injured by the eruption, he said. Tristan rises from an under-sea mountain range running down the Atlantic. Geologists say its 6,760-foot volcano has been extinct for thousands of years.

A lake, half a mile by one third, in the middle of the island is an old volcanic crater. Last Wednesday the Rev. C. J. Jewell, who is Reuter's correspondent on Tristan Da Cunha, cabled he had counted 89 tremors in five days and although they were becoming less frequent they were getting considerably heavier.

He estimated there must have been several hundred shocks since August 4.—Reuter.

Katanga accuses UN force

Elisabethville, Oct. 10.

Katanga today appealed to the heads of all African non-Communist states to denounce at the United Nations the "carnage and massacre" by UN troops in Katanga.

The Foreign Minister, Mr Evariste Kimba, read at a press conference a telegram sent to all the heads of states.

It said: "Call to your attention crimes committed by UN Force in Katanga camp created by them here. Three hundred brother Africans assassinated following massacre of Katanga soldiers."

"Appeal to you to intervene at the UN and denounce the carnage and demand condemnation of those responsible and demand an end to UN military occupation of Katanga."

DISCUSSIONS

Mr Kimba said President Mobutu would resume discussions tomorrow with Mr Mahmoud Khilari, Chief of the UN civil operations in the Congo.

Mr Tshombe was keen to meet Mr Cyrille Adoula, the Central Prime Minister, but without UN interference, he added.—Reuter.

BUS STRIKE

Rio de Janeiro, Oct. 10.

A strike of bus drivers started today in Rio de Janeiro and its suburbs.

Not a bus was to be seen at the height of the morning rush hour.

COMMON MARKET PROBLEM

'Very real textile threat'

Copenhagen, Oct. 10.

Sir Ernest Goodale, past President of the British Textile Institute, said today textile producers in the Common Market posed "a very real

threat" to the British home market.

He added: "Possible loss to United Kingdom producers may be greater than any increase achieved in exports to the Common Market."

These were Britain's desire to meet its European Free Trade Association obligations, to integrate its agriculture, and to relate its link with the Commonwealth.—Reuter.

COALITION TALKS CONTINUE

Bonn, Oct. 10.

Dr Konrad Adenauer today received leaders of the Free Democratic Party, his prospective coalition allies in the new West German Government, for a third session of talks on policy.

Informed sources said the recent today was on economic and social questions. Agreement on "important matters" of foreign and defence policy was announced after the second meeting last Thursday.

The Free Democrats are to decide on Thursday whether to call a party conference for October 21 to consider the results of negotiations with Dr Adenauer and other leaders of the Christian Democrats. The Christian Democrats lost their absolute majority in the Bundestag (Lower House) in the September 17 General Elections.

If the Free Democrats do not hold a party conference, it is expected they will make their decision through their executive bodies, also on October 21. Usually reliable sources said that about half the 67 Free Democratic Deputies in the new 497-member Bundestag are ready to give their votes to Dr Adenauer.

This, with the 242 votes of his own party, would assure him of an absolute majority.—Reuter.

U.S. forces not going to S. Vietnam

Washington, Oct. 10.

The United States has taken no decision to send American forces to South Vietnam. The State Department said today.

The State Department spokesman said that the South Vietnamese Government had not asked for U.S. troops.

Not asked

The spokesman, Mr Lincoln White, asked by reporters at his press conference whether the United States had decided to send troops to South Vietnam to meet increased Communist aggression, replied: "There has been no such decision. The Government of Vietnam has not asked for U.S. troops."

"Furthermore the Government of Vietnam assures us of its confidence that with U.S. assistance and training services it can handle the present Communist aggressive attacks."

Asked whether the U.S. Government shared the confidence of the South Vietnamese authorities, the spokesman replied: "I think we do, but we always have to look for contingencies that might arise."—Reuter.

Indonesia to try senior officers of Dutch ship

Djakarta, Oct. 10.

The Captain and First Mate of a Dutch ocean-going tug Noord Holland are scheduled to be tried in Djakarta's Special District Court on Saturday, it was reported today.

Eighteen other crew members detained in Pulau Samboe, off Singapore, after the tug was impounded have been sent to Singapore.

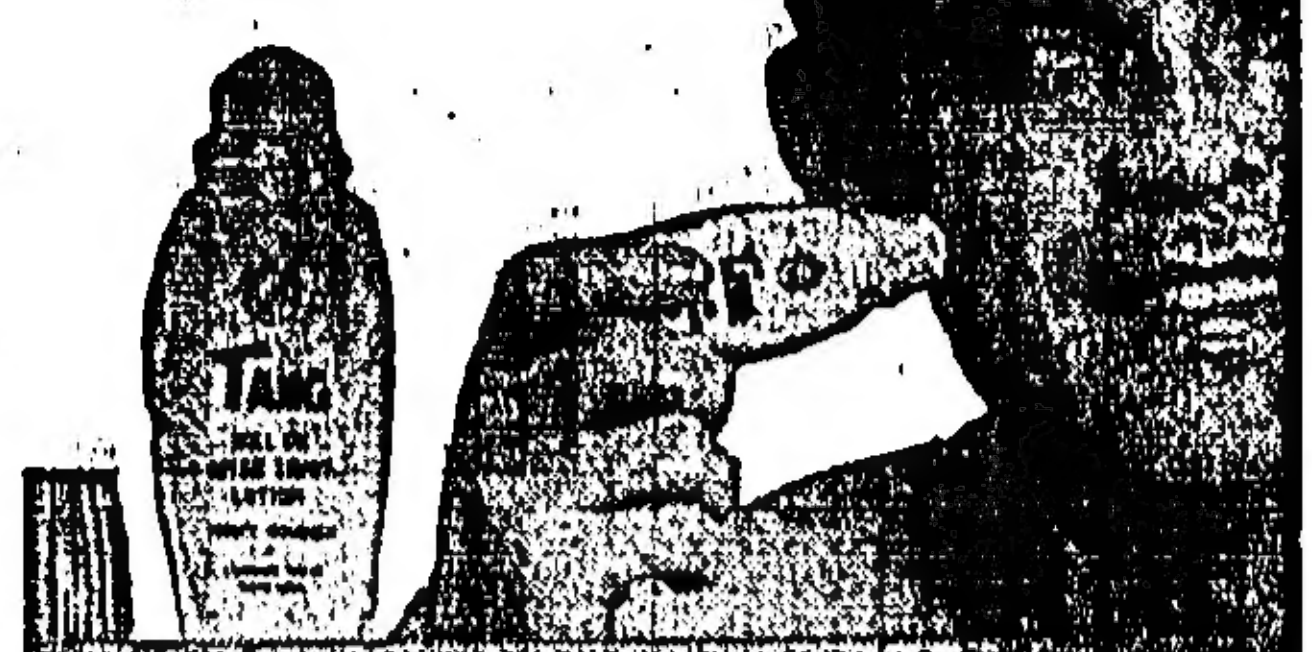
Captain Edelenbosch Gene and First Mate Meyer Wibehen-drik will be tried for illegally entering Indonesian waters to salvage a Greek freighter.—AP.



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BENSON FONG TELLS ABOUT HIS BIG ROLE

By DAVID LAN

Hollywood actor Benson Fong, who plays Master Wang in the film, "Flower Drum Song," described the other day how he got the big character part in the US\$4 million production.

"In the beginning, Mr. Rodgers (of the famed Rodgers and Hammerstein team) had cast all the parts of the film with the original Broadway players," said the 38-year-old actor. "All that is, except the parts for a man to play the 70-year-old father, Master Wang, a girl to play Linda, the nightclub performer, and a boy to play the son."

"The director, Mr. Henry Koster, and the producer, Mr. Ross Hunter, did not think I was old enough for the part of the father. "So they spent three to four weeks testing every available actor and non-professional in the U.S., Britain and Japan. But they couldn't find a suitable one."

"One day, about a week before the start of the film, while watching some films in a projection room they spotted an old man in an old Paramount film, "Walk Like A Dragon."

"They called Paramount for details of this actor—and they discovered that it was me," he exclaimed.

"So I wound up with the best character part ever given to an Oriental actor in a big production. "But he found this role to be "a challenge"—for acting a part twice his age was not easy."

TV ROLES
 Apart from that, Master Wang must be portrayed to represent the Old China in sharp contrast to the West, particularly in the film version where the head of the House of Wangs was given more weight than on Broadway.

"Originally, Gene Kelly, director of the Broadway show asked me to play the part of Sammy Fong," said Benson. "Because of my own business commitments in California, I couldn't leave for New York."

Benson Fong is perhaps best known for his role as the bumbling No. 1 son of Charlie

Chan in the detective series during the thirties.

He also appeared in such films as "Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo," "Keys to the Kingdom," "Dragon Seed," "Purple Heart," etc.

On the average, Fong does 10 TV stories and one or two films a year, including two TV stories on Perry Mason—the detective character created by Eric Stanley Gardner.

"Raymond Burr, the Perry Mason on TV, was my school mate in California," Fong disclosed.

FE TOUR
 Fong said Nancy Kwan (who plays the part of Linda, the nightclub performer, in "Flower Drum Song") was "wonderful" and "has lots of talent."

"To me, she is just like a kid sister," he said. "I think she will be even greater and more famous than the late Miss Anna May Wong."

Of the author, Mr. C. Y. Lee, who wrote the best-selling "Flower Drum Song," Benson Fong said, "It's his second novel and now he has sold his first novel to the screen as well. At present, he is residing in Hollywood, writing his third novel."

Besides acting, Benson Fong also successfully runs two Chinese restaurants, one steak house, an investment company and a real estate concern in Los Angeles.

Born in Sacramento, California, Fong went to school at Lingnan University, Canton, and later studied law at the extension of Loyola University.

Now in Hongkong in the course of a Far Eastern tour, Fong will leave on Friday for Singapore where "Mr. Loke Wan-tho (the film magnate) is waiting for me to play a weekend of golf."

He will return to Hollywood in time for the gala premiere of "Flower Drum Song" on November 17.



Benson Fong — as he is in real life. Picture was taken in his Ambassador Hotel suite the other day. Photo by David Lan.

Car fell over 50 feet cliff

Sydney, Oct. 10.
 A woman's driving lesson ended when she reversed her car over a 50 ft cliff at Lane Cove, a Sydney north shore suburb, last night.
 The woman, Mrs. E. Horsfield, who was being taught to drive by her son, Mr. Geoffrey Horsfield, was backing the car when the wheels bounced over the kerb.
 Mr. Horsfield vainly tried to stop the car by gear and brake but it shot backwards over the cliff landing in a creek bed.
 Both were taken to hospital, severely shaken but uninjured.
 —China Mail Special.

Verwoerd unveils monument

Duncanville, Oct. 10.
 The South African Prime Minister, Dr Hendrik Verwoerd, today unveiled a "freedom monument" here depicting the defeat of the Afrikaner nation by Britain in 1902, and its subsequent renaissance.
 The inscription on the monument read, "Wounded but not defeated, Vereeniging 31 May, 1902."
 The ceremony was performed only three miles from the place where the British negotiated the Treaty of Vereeniging ending the Boer War.—China Mail Special.



Hollywood's Benson Fong in film attire of an old man, with Hongkong's Nancy Kwan in picture taken during filming of "The Flower Drum Song." Said he: "Nancy is a great actress; she has lots of talent."

'Many Splendour'd' fashion show to be held here

World-wide participation in Hongkong's "Many-Splendour'd Fashions" charity show to be held at the Miramar Hotel on October 26, was welcomed by Miss Ko Siu-wah, YWCA Executive Secretary, at the fashion show committee meeting held this morning at the Town Centre in Duddell-street.

With co-operation from the Consular Corps, the Trade Commissions and airline companies, a feast of fashion sponsored by 27 nations, assisted by 16 airlines, will be presented to assist the poor children attending rooftop nurseries and schools supported by the YWCA throughout the Colony.

Lady Black will attend the charity presentation at 3 pm, with other guests of honour including Lady Melrod.

The 5.30 performance when Mrs C. B. Burgess will be present, is to be followed by the auction of couture garments given for the cause.

Models
 Airline hostesses will assist models representing each country shown in alphabetical order, from the facade of an aircraft which is being given jointly by the airlines participating.

From the end of the hall nearest to the official table, models wearing Hongkong's superb fashion garments and traditional or national dress will proceed up the ramp (or supposed runway) to greet the new arrival. Children and adults will be taking part and there will be at least one male representing a tourist agency, while an hotel page boy will carry the latest airweight suitcases.

Australia, with the recent on youth, will start the parade by showing wool garments from Sydney and Australian leather accessories. From Toronto, for the Canadian presentation white fox and other fur stoles will be shown here, as well as fashion garments.

Focus

French and Italian creations brought in specially by Town and Country, as well as Italian regional costumes from the Consulate, an actress from Bangkok, an Alaskan palka, Mexican dress, mink from New York, Bavarian dress, professional models from Vietnam and contributions from Liberty's, Pringle and Simpsons will all be among many of the items featured.

With the focus on the Many Splendour'd theme, a Teang dynasty court dress will be in the China and Hongkong sections. Another eye-catcher will be the original four-alt cheongsam designed by Miss Yvonne Guinand.

Local stockists including Lane, Crawford, Charlotte Horstmann, Laura's, Mohan's,



Miss Pamela Low in the four-alt cheongsam given by Mrs Ma Wing-hon and designed by Miss Yvonne Guinand.

Harlequin, Melwani, the Swank Shop, Paquerette, Boutique, Shui Hing and leading jewellers, beauty stylists and dealers in accessories are all contributing to the show that is timed before the visit of Princess Alexandra while fashion interest is at its height.

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THEN WATCH FOR THE REAL MIDDLE-EAST EXPLOSION

THIS last few weeks in Cairo have been of the most singular interest and the revolution in Syria is likely in the ensuing months to have such a profound effect on the Middle East that it is well worth while from here to analyse its causes and effects.

At the root of the rebellion lies the economic situation. The bald fact is that in the last few years Nasser has tried to do too much. Wherever you go in Egypt signs of grandiose building schemes are to be seen. This has overstrained the economy without bringing many material benefits to the ordinary Egyptian.

This in itself placed Nasser in a quandary for he has always stressed the material benefits of his policies.

Then his short-term programme of nationalisation and confiscation has completed the vicious circle by worsening trade and consequently the economic situation.

All this has caused dismay in commercial and middle-class circles in Egypt and this was greatly heightened by the recent tightening of the screw and the near-confiscation of high incomes.

But the concern in Egypt was nothing to the concern in Syria where, to oversimplify, the landed interests had called in Nasser as an alternative to Communism.

ANOTHER FACTOR

If Nasser was going to give Socialism to them it was better to get out, make hay while the sun shines and risk the real thing—so must have gone the reasoning in Damascus.

There was one other factor which should not be underestimated: the state of Nasser's health. This has caused him to withdraw increasingly for longish periods to Alexandria; to

from Lord Lambton, MP
Teheran

keep only the most tenuous relationships with foreign ambassadors and to lose his personal ascendancy in Syria.

What is wrong with him? It is difficult to decide, but there appears to be substantial evidence that he is suffering from a mild form of diabetes. While in no way incapacitating him, this causes him to take care of himself, a difficult task for an authoritarian ruler.

VIEWED WITH RESERVE

His energy last week, however, has been indisputable. If ever a man made the best of a bad case he did. His explanation that he was not going to shed Arab blood should be viewed with reserve. Probably he does not now trust the army enough to send it into Syria. Anyhow he has neither the transport nor other facilities to land an adequate force.

At the moment the revolution appears to have succeeded. This brings two results: Nasser's prestige has suffered a severe blow; and a state that has never been viable has been re-created.

Neither of these facts is likely to augur well. It is impossible to believe that Nasser will be able to leave the new regime in Syria alone. And it is distinctly possible that he will attempt to overthrow it by an alliance with the Communists.

COMMUNIST STATE?

In the long run this would probably mean the overthrow of the present regime. More seriously than that it could mean a partial acceptance of Communism by Nasser and the establishment in Syria of a Communist state.

The effect that this would have in Iraq, Jordan and Iran might well be calamitous and decisive. So it is conceivable that the Syrian revolt has set off an unexpected powder trail that could change the whole face of the Middle East. (London Express Service).

SAYS NASSER—MORE SERIOUS THAN SUEZ!



THOSE U2 'SPY PLANES' GO ON A NEW MISSION

Their task: Find cause of RAIN

AMERICAN U-2 "spy planes" are being used to discover what causes RAIN. They have flown a series of missions from Australia to measure dust in the atmosphere.

The primary task of the gull-like U-2s was to monitor radioactive fallout in the southern hemisphere. But their ability to fly at great heights offered scientists a unique chance to test an intriguing theory about rainfall put forward by an Australian physicist some years ago.

This suggested that heavy rainfall on earth was directly linked with showers of meteors from space.

Practical benefits

If the theory should prove correct—and evidence has been amassed in Russia as well as Australia to support it—practical benefits could follow. Tiny grains of metal and glass, such as meteors are made of, would seem to be equally good for artificial rain-making as the costly chemicals used at present. Rain often starts as moisture freezing around dust at a great height, then melting to form droplets lower down. It needs something solid to cling to, but from where does the dust come?

Is it sucked up from Earth? Or hurled down from outer space? The atmosphere as meteors break up?

One way to resolve the dispute is to count the ice particles at different heights. If the popular theory is correct, the number should fall off the higher you go. But if meteors are responsible it should remain fairly constant.

The U-2s have been soaring to heights of 60,000ft. or more—and finding plenty of dust there. Which suggests that we have to revise some of our ideas about rainfall. Balloons will now be used to confirm this.

Minerals in the human heart

THAT little boys are made from puppy dogs' tails is well known. Not so well known is the fact that 26 mineral elements have just been found in human heart muscle.

They were aluminium, arsenic, barium, bismuth, boron, cadmium, caesium, chromium, cobalt, copper, iron, lead, lithium, magnesium, manganese, potassium, silicon, silver, sodium, sulphur, titanium, vanadium and zinc.

So what does a little strontium matter on top of that lot?

How do bees find way home?

HAVING recently plucked a 10lb. from a wasp's nest with surprisingly little attention from the wasps, I can understand why Mr. J. B. Free of the Rothamsted Bee Department wanted to discover how a bee finds its way home. Mr. Free set out some hives in poles and painted the occa-



pants a distinctive colour so that they could be traced. He found that most of the bees which mistook their hive on

return chose one or another pair with a similar position or "angle" to their own. Then he painted the hives. This time he found the strays plumped for a hive angled red and coloured like their own. So it seems that colour, height, shape and direction of a hive are all taken into account before the wily bee (and probably wasp as well) decides he is home. (London Express Service).

Hard, but this could stop the snatchers

LAST month Mr Douglas Cooper, art historian, critic, collector and eminence terrible of the art world, said that in view of the current wave of robberies, he believes that for the time being loan exhibitions should cease.

By David Carritt

When asked whether his view applied to the exhibition of masterpieces from the British Collection which he has organised for the Edinburgh Festival, and which is due for transference to the Tate Gallery this autumn, he gave a very definite "Yes".

Reluctantly, since I love loan exhibitions, I feel forced to agree. Every major exhibition is inevitably accompanied by tremendous publicity, often emphasising the colossal value of the exhibits, and thereby attracting the potential art-snatcher.

It seems that for works of art there is no such thing as foolproof security. One picture at a time could perhaps be guarded like a Crown Jewel, time being.



Mr. Bart's blitz

HE RELIVES IT ALL—IN WORDS AND MUSIC



LIONEL BART

ANOTHER SHOW FINISHED...

A FEW minutes after 11 o'clock one morning last week, in a plush little news house in South Kensington, Mr Lionel Bart reached for a fat pencil and scribbled 10 words of a song lyric on a large sheet of white paper.

"No more bunking over walls," Bart wrote. "Duty calls, hallelujah, duty calls!" He underlined the words and sat back. Another Bart musical was finished.

It had taken him six years of thinking and planning, four months of actual writing.

Now the show, "Blitz!" to be presented in London in the spring of 1962—was in the bag. "Oliver!" had a successor.

Mr Bart was still pretty wound up about the enterprise. The expected elation following the completion of a

major work had not materialised.

Biggest

He paced the floor like a small, nervous antelope. "Man, it's finished. But it's just beginning. Now we start pulling it to pieces."

"Blitz!" he told me, was the biggest thing he had ever attempted. "The story covers, like, the whole canvas of the German air raids on the East End," he said. "It all takes place in the Underground shelters and in Petticoat-lane. The leading lady is a big cockney Jewish mama. I already got somebody in mind. Real matriarchal. She'll be wild."

The story goes back to Bart's own roots.

Born within a shout of Petticoat-lane, he was a 10-year-old, awaiting evacuation, when the bombs began to fall. He saw the fires and absorbed the mood.

So big

It is no coincidence that both "Oliver!" and "Blitz!" should be spelled with exclamation marks. Bart likes to think in superlatives. He describes the new show as "something the size of 'Porgy and Bess'."

"Folk opera," he says. "Orchestra of 35. Cast of 60. Maybe 70. Twenty-five songs, plus seven repeats."

"The second act came fast. Finished it in 10 days. When it flows, man, it flows."

Bart jumped up from his chair. Then sat down again. He is full of quick, unexpected moves.

"I'll tell you," he said. "The show is full of kids. Listen..."

He rested his lean, tanned hands on his knees and sang an appealing little song at me called "Mums and Dads."

He sang it in a soft, childish lisp, dropping it's all the way. "I'll go all right. Bart is riding high."

Hits

The most successful British songwriter since Novello and Coward, he was unknown two years ago, hanging around Soho, churning out tummy-tum ditties for the adolescent boy wonders whom teenagers still mistake for singers.

Then came the stage show, "Lock Up Your Daughters," "Fings," and "Oliver!"—three hits on the trot.

The money began to roll in, and the publicity reports about Lionel Bart began to roll out.

Such bellyhoo was frequently fed by Bart himself, who, despite occasional protestations of modesty, is a citizen who dearly loves to see his name in the papers.

Legend

Not surprisingly, in the circumstances, a somewhat complimentary legend has been built around Bart's name. He is frequently mistaken for a shrewd snob who thinks of himself as a raving genius.

Bart is not unaware of this. "Min, what do they expect me to do? I can't be a nice guy to the whole world. I can't recognise everybody in the street."

"I have no delusions of grandeur. I am not an intellectual like Peter Ustinov. I'm a simple guy. They just don't know what the pressures are."

Another attitude, towards Bart seeks to nail him as a plagiarist.

A Bart tune, say these critics, is an old tune tricked up a bit. Such critics, I need hardly add, are frequently envious, less successful rivals.

Bart says: "Lalene, mate, 'Fings' is deliberately derivative of the 'Thirties. And 'Blitz!' will be deliberately based on the musical mood of the 'forties."

The wartime songs... "You've got yourself a good popular song when the audience can almost feel the next note, he next lyric. I want my songs to sound familiar."

By adhering to such simple rules, Bart has made a fortune. He insists that he cannot estimate his income.

"I've got a mental block about figures. At school, when the teacher wrote sums on the blackboard, I kind of blanked over. I don't add up my money. I just use it."

But certain things of his boyhood remain with him. These are the things he has poured into "Blitz!"

"I wanted to do something particularly British. Something that owes nothing to American influence."

"What I remember of the way is the wonderful blitz spirit. It didn't matter if you were Jewish or black or yellow. You had one common enemy. You laughed at the same jokes."

Message

"Blitz!" really ought to be on the stage now. Today. Because, if it has a message, it is this—it shouldn't be necessary to have bombs dropped on our heads before we learn to live with each other and love each other. "I hope 'Blitz!' says that. I think it does."

THIS IS RUSSIA

It's drink they talk about in Moscow

MANY Russians are asking themselves whether Khrushchev will bring prohibition to Russia after the Communist Party Congress, which starts on October 17.

A proposal to ban the manufacture of hard drinks and spirits appears in the current issue of the leading party journal, Kommunist. Suggestions that drunken drivers should be banned for life have also been mooted in the Soviet Press.

Special re-education centres are to be set up at parking-lots and bus terminals to persuade motorists not to drink while driving.

"More than 100,000 lorries and buses in the Soviet Union are standing idle for weeks and sometimes months because of a lack of tyres," states Kommoskaya Pravda. The largest Moscow terminal has no tyre reserves, it adds.

The situation is even worse in other towns. Tyres on some buses are so worn that even the most hardened Moscow drivers quake when they see them.

Some 10,000,000 tyres were manufactured in the Soviet Union last year, but the life of each tyre was only 32,000 kilometres as compared with the 100,000 kilometres of the best foreign tyres, states the paper. It also blames the poor road surfaces and lack of repair facilities in Russia.

Krokodil reports the case of the professor who was threatened with a fine for walking about the streets of Eupatoria, in the Crimea, in shorts. He was charged with outraging public decency.

The professor refused to pay the fine. Only when his identity was established as Academician Ivan Terletsky was he let off. A special permit was issued allowing him to show his knees.

This was just as well, because during the long police investigation someone stole his long trousers from his hotel.

A new kind of tipster has appeared in Odessa, Russia's largest seaport on the Black Sea, according to Krokodil.

"He will sell information," it says, "about where you can buy the latest shoes or knitted goods or anything else you may desire."

Store managers are co-operating with this advertising racket and taking a cut from the proceeds, states Krokodil.

Ex-President of the Karfelan Academy of Sciences, V. C. Shokkevich, has been attacked by Izvestia for sending his perfectly healthy wife to a lunatic asylum in order to obtain a divorce and to marry another woman.

"He was helped along by people impressed by his high position," comments Izvestia. "Of course, his wife was not held indefinitely in the asylum, but long enough for Shokkevich to achieve his purpose."

WOMANSENSE

FASHION NEWS FOCUS



by
Barbara Griggs

If you notice model-girls looking careworn these days, it may be something perfectly simple and straightforward like the arrival of their income-tax demand.

It could be, on the other hand, that they're brooding about the sinister, growing trickle into their ranks of four-star American competition.

For American models are suddenly beginning to discover the charm of working in London.

The rates of pay are lower than they are used to in New York—but so, most certainly,



● Marc Bohan of Dior shows the most fitted clothes in Paris for autumn. He interprets it here for late-day wear in black silk. Midriff is closely fitted from bosom to hip, where skirt flares starts under a slightly gathered seam.

LADY LUCK

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): By being tolerant of small lapses you will secure the loyal co-operation of those working under you.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): Small attentions mean a great deal to older people, and you should make a point of not neglecting them.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Show more confidence in your own ability, or others may also begin to doubt it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Check your calculations with extra care, as this is one of those days when mistakes can happen.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Got to the source of a harmful rumour, and demand restitution for the trouble caused.

CANCER (June 22-July 21): Your reputation for reliability encourages people to place their complete trust in you.

LEO (July 22-August 21): By summing up your case clearly and logically you will be able to win an argument which seemed to be lost.

Over here from over there...

AMERICA'S TOP MODELS HEAD FOR LONDON

Linda Wilson surveys her new domain through a cloud of smoke and the fronds of the season's silliest, snazziest knockout of a hat—a crown of black velvet, a brim of shivering grey-black byock plumes (the byock is the aristocrat of the ostrich family) that trails scarf-like down at one side. By Read Crawford. Little black nothing of a dress—what you can see of it—is of fine black wool by Frederick Starke.

PICTURE BY JOHN COLE



RARITY

AND since their standards of professionalism are high, photographers rave about them and they can count on being booked solid for as long as their rarity value lasts. (At the same time it gives their jaded American public time to start sighing for them again.)

The professionalism is what really worries the English girls. "And a jolly good thing, too," was the comment of Susie Leygott, who runs one of the busiest model agencies in town. American models are punctual to the minute, never waste time fooling about on the set (time is lots of money in New York) and can be counted on to arrive with a bulging tote-bag which will contain three or four pairs of shoes, complete make-up, gloves in all shapes and sizes, and a life-time's collection of costume jewellery.

Almost all of them know how to set and comb-out their hair far better than any hair-dresser—and most of them wash it four or five times a week. The English model of my bitter experience who turned up an hour and a half late for a fur shot with no props other than the flat shoes she was wearing was an extreme case; but few even of the current top models can match up to such exacting professional standards. And frankly, they're worried.

INVASION

● SPEARHEADING this transatlantic invasion: two tall New Yorkers: LINDA WILSON, the girl in the picture, who is part Scots, part Cherokee, and bowled photographer John

Cole over with her first winning smile as she slid into the studio. (She made him so camera-happy that this particular picture has to be picked out of a reel of sixty-four shots.)

Another New Yorker is RUTH EBLING, who's settled into a Knightsbridge flat for at least a year, is fantastically photogenic, and obligingly dyed her hair red within a week of arrival because three photographers all told her it would suit her.

Two of Ruth's modelling friends are following an over in January, and rumours occasionally flash round the studios of some super American Jane in town for a fortnight—precipitating a rush to the telephones.

The idea, in fact, is catching on over in New York.

Fair enough, after all. A round half-dozen of our own top models acquired their own super-gloss by way of a spell of hard modelling in America.

THOSE ENORMOUS But - the - whole - point - is-they're-FAKE brooches... a rich woman admired the cheap whopper a friend of mine was wearing so much that she borrowed it to have it copied by her own jeweller. In real stones.

(London Express Service).

CHILDREN'S CORNER

General Tin's Story

—It's About A Snail Who Wanted To Jump—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the Shadow Children with the Turned-About Names, and their two good friends, Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, and Hiawatha, the Small-Sized Wooden Indian, marched up in a line to General Tin, the Tin Soldier. He was standing as usual by the Playroom door with a musket over his shoulder.

Knarf and Hanid and Teddy and Hiawatha saluted General Tin.

What's their wish?

"At ease!" said General Tin. "What is your wish?" Hanid stepped forward.

"General Tin, sir," she said, "we'd like you to tell us a story."

"Very good," said General Tin. "Sit down on the floor. Don't interrupt. I'll tell you the story of the Snail who couldn't jump."

Knarf, Hanid and Hiawatha said they had never heard this story before. After a moment or two of silent thinking, General Tin began his story.

No-name snail

"Once upon a time under a mulberry tree, there lived a Snail. Nobody knew his name. That wasn't strange because he had no name."

"But why?" asked Teddy.

"No interruptions, sir!" said General Tin sternly.

"I'm sorry," said Teddy. "I only wanted to know why that Snail didn't have a name."

"Be quiet, Teddy," whispered Hanid.

"Now this Snail without a name," General Tin went on, "wanted to jump. He could slide around on his one foot—he only had one foot—but no matter how hard he tried, he couldn't manage to jump."

"Everybody else is able to jump," the Snail said to himself. "A Grasshopper can jump. A Dog can jump. A Cow can jump. The smallest Bug can jump. But here am I, a fine big Snail with a beautiful shell and one strong foot and I can't jump."

"I can't jump, either," Teddy started to say again.

"Sh-sh-sh!" said everybody else.

"I'm sorry," said Teddy. "I only wanted to say that—"

General Tin glared at Teddy, and went on.

"So one day, the Snail met a Frog. The Frog didn't have a name, either."

Felt proud

Teddy opened his mouth to say something but quickly shut it again.

"You're the best jumper in the world," the Snail said to the Frog. "Please teach me how to jump the way you do, into the pond and out again."

"The Frog tried and tried to teach the Snail how to jump, but at last he shook his head and said it was no use."

"Oh dear," said the Snail sadly. "All I can do is slide."

"I'll never be able to jump,"

"Slide?" repeated the Frog, opening his big eyes. "You know how to slide? You can slide on that one foot of yours? You mean, you can slide?"

NAME IN THE NEWS

HIROKO the enchanting Japanese girl who is Pierre Cardin's top mannequin, is robbing him not only of her own delectable services but also of the director of his boutique, Henri Berghauer, whom she married on appropriately, Friday, October 13.

Hiroko, who wears the bride's dress in the show, won't be wearing it to her own wedding: she'll appear in traditional Japanese bride's kimono of white and red—picked for her by Pierre Cardin as a present from the leading Tokio store, Takashimaya.

She and Henri are off on a round-the-world honeymoon—but plan to settle in Tokyo afterwards where, according to rumour, they'll be opening a couture salon. No problem about finding the top mannequin...



JACOBY on BRIDGE

THE average declarer is inclined to concentrate on his own hand and to ignore the possibility of setting up dummy. This is a bad habit which will prove expensive on many occasions.

Without a trump opening, South would have an easy time with the diamond slam. He would lose a trick to the ace of spades and be able to make 12 tricks with a cross ruff.

The trump opening spoils this for him since a second trump lead will stop one ruff. Therefore, he must set up either the club or spade suit. If he goes after the clubs, he will run out of tricks one short of his slam.

The correct play is to win the opening lead in his own hand and lead a spade toward dummy. If West holds the ace, everything will be a cinch, but East produces the ace and leads a second trump.

This is the best defence, but it is not going to be good

THE CARD GAME

Q—The bidding has been:

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass Pass 2 ♠

Pass Pass ?

2 ♠ South holds

♠KQ83 ♠543 ♠752 ♠432

What do you do?

A—Bid two spades. You should try to push the opponents up one trick.

TODAY'S QUESTION

Again you have passed to your partner's one spade opening and fourth hand has bid two hearts. Your partner doubts this. This time you hold:

♠765 ♠KQ10785 ♠432

What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

NORTH		19	
♥KQ803			
♥AK9			
♦QJ105			
♣5			
WEST		EAST	
♥J952		♥A107	
♦Q10742		♥J80	
♠8		♦A43	
♣902		♣KQ108	
SOUTH (D)			
♦4			
♦53			
♦AK972			
♠AJ743			
North and South vulnerable			
South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♦	Pass	6♦	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♦8			

enough as long as the spades break four - three. South can trump one spade with his third trump, return to dummy with the ace of hearts, trump another small spade with his fourth trump, cash the king of hearts, ruff the nine of hearts with his last trump, cash the ace of clubs, ruff a club in dummy, draw East's last trump and make the last two tricks with dummy's remaining spades.



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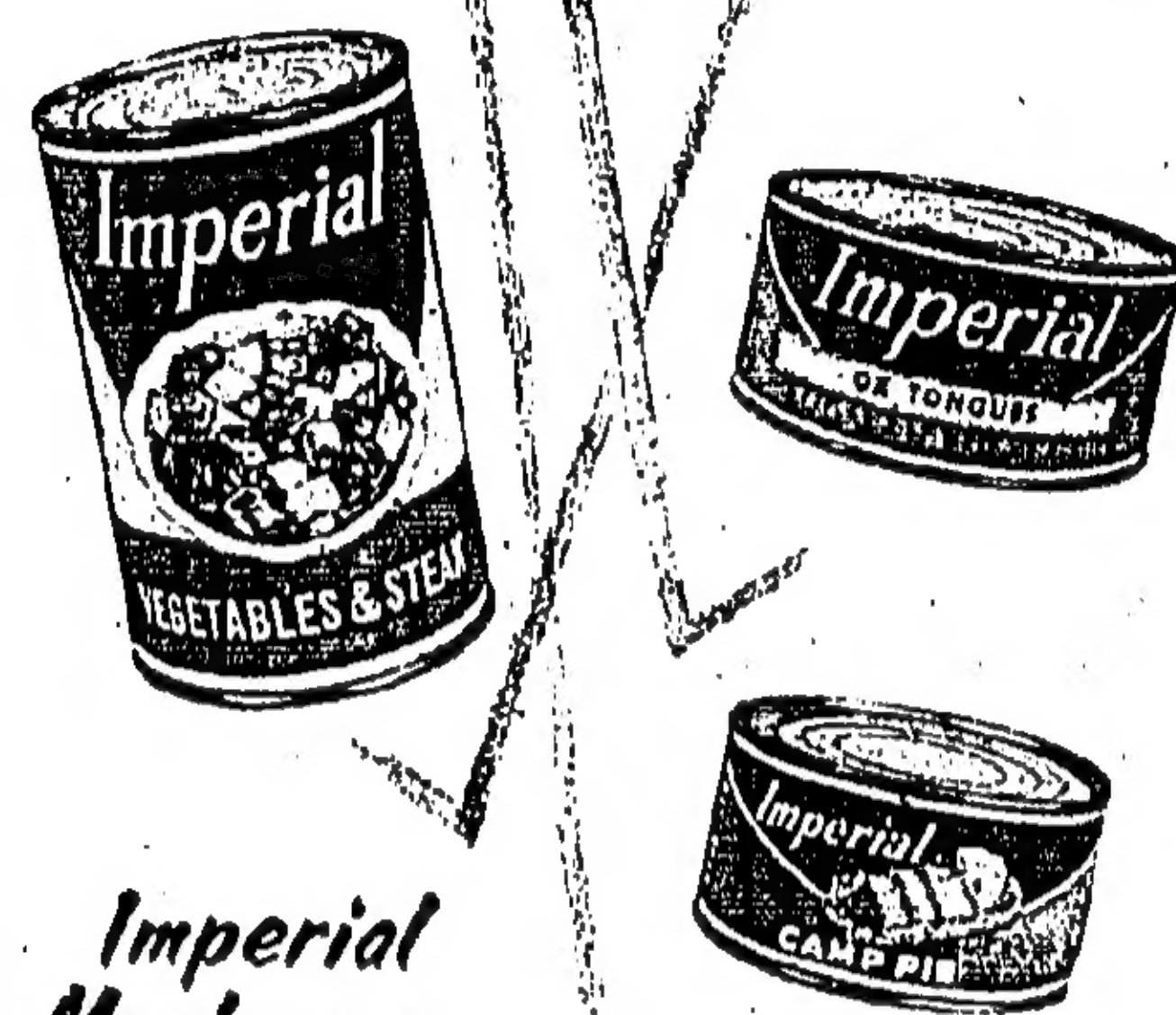
The two pals look doubtfully at the way down the branches. "Could we do it without being heard?" breathes Rupert, in the tiniest whisper. "It's safer to wait a bit and listen in case that stranger goes away. Let's eat the sandwiches that Mummy made for



me." So they undo the packet very slowly so as not to make the paper rustle and set to. After a time Bingo becomes restless. "I can still hear him pottering about," he murmurs. "I'm going to try to get away." And he slips carefully on to a tree.

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SPORTS PICTORIAL



Four pairs of eyes are cast at the direction of the leg-umpire, as a confident appeal for stumping by wicket-keeper Roach goes up in this First Division cricket league match between the Scorpions and the Saracens at the HKCC last Saturday. Scorpions batsman R. G. Dewar was given out for one run, but the Scorpions eventually won the match by 62 runs. — China Mail photo.



ABOVE: The newly promoted 517 soccer team suffered a trouncing 7-1 defeat from champions South China in their First Division soccer league debut at the HKFC Stadium last Saturday. Here South China right-winger, Wong Chi-keung (left) is seen scoring his side's fourth goal. — China Mail photo.

LEFT: Cheung Hing clears 10 ft 6 ins to win the Pole Vault event in the Hongkong Amateur Athletic Association's first open meeting at the Government Stadium last Saturday. — China Mail photo.



ABOVE: A narrow escape for KCC "A" during their First Division hockey league match against Recrelo "A" last Sunday. A rising shot by Gosano off a centre by Castro goes over the goalmouth as Soares leaps up to stop it. Despite this "miss" Recrelo "A" won comfortably by four goals to nil. — China Mail photo.



D. T. Hadfield, New Zealand's right wing, gives Great Britain's loose forward D. Turner, the hands-off during their Rugby League International at Headingley, Leeds, last week. The New Zealanders won by 20 points to 11. — Sport & General photo.



Craigengower Cricket Club achieved a fine double in the Ladies' Lawn Bowls League this year by winning both the First and Second Division titles. Photo shows the champion Second Division team. From left they are: Mrs Maceca Vasunia, Mrs Margy Wilson, Mrs Emmet Kerman and Mrs Selma Silva. — China Mail photo.

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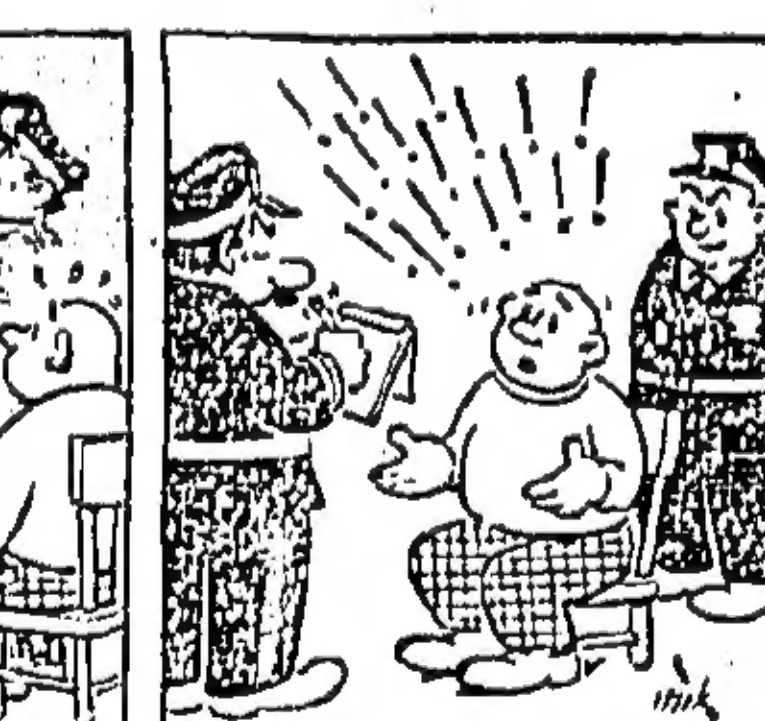
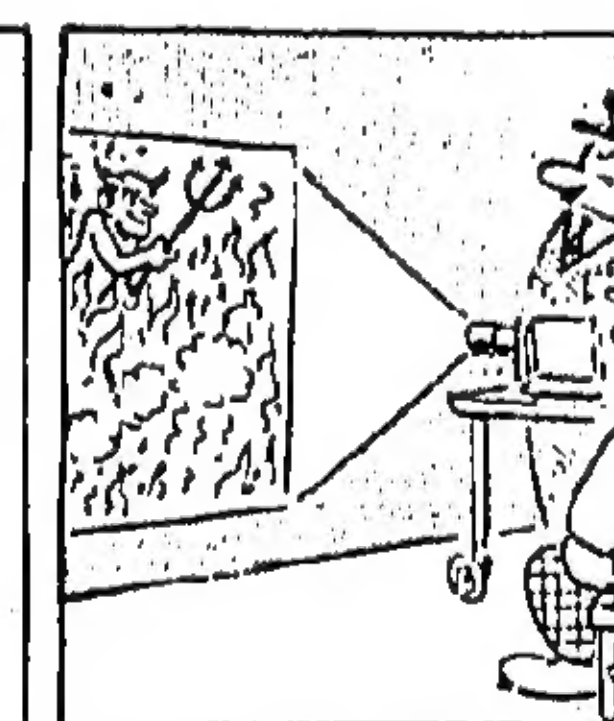
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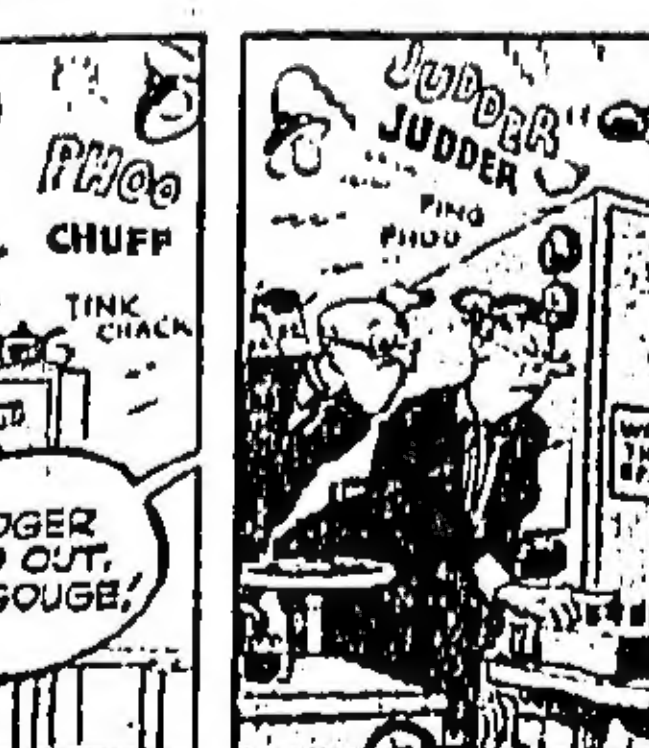
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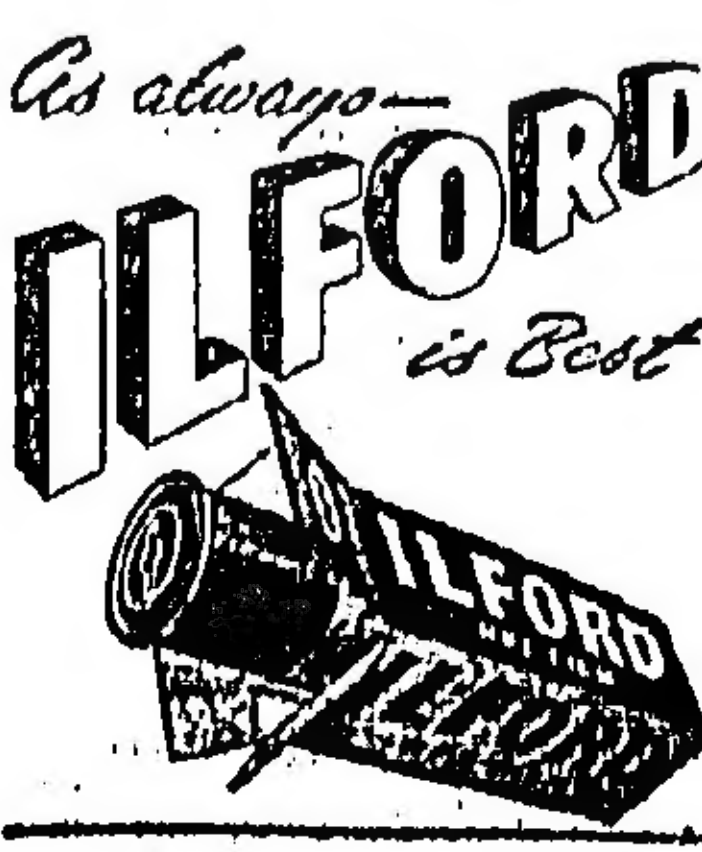
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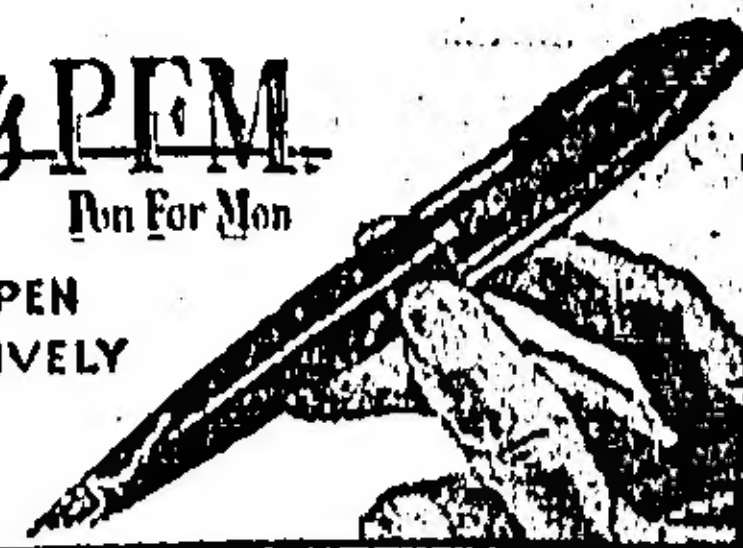
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Prof. Chakravarti

'No immediate danger from fallout'

An Indian physics professor said here last night that there was no immediate danger from the fallout caused by Russian nuclear test blasts.

Prof. D. Chakravarti, a professor of radiation biology at the University of Washington, was replying to questions put to him just before he returned to Calcutta last night by Swastika for a six-week holiday in India.

19 BLASTS

The Professor said, "At present I do not think there is any danger, although the exploding of 19 nuclear bombs has not helped matters. However, another 19 explosions may have a serious effect on the very young children of countries affected by the fallout," he added.

The Professor will return to the Colony on his way back to his post in six weeks' time. Photo shows Prof. D. Chakravarti at the airport shortly before leaving for Calcutta last night.

Nancy Kwan returning for holiday

Actress Nancy Kwan will be returning to Hongkong from Rome today by BOAC for a holiday before proceeding to take part in the charity performance of the picture, "Flower Drum Song", in San Francisco on November 17. Miss Kwan had been attending a film festival in Europe. She plays a major role in "Flower Drum Song".

Dar es Salaam, Oct. 10. The Duke of Edinburgh is scheduled to arrive on December 8 for independence ceremonies when this country becomes the 29th independent African State, it was announced today. —UPI.

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Our common Advice

With Britain's "Unlappable" Mac anxious to enter the European Common Market, regardless of the consequences of alienating the affection of the Commonwealth, we here, too, might look around us to see if we should also enter some of our own common markets.

Without an "unlappable" prime minister, or even a flapperish one, to lead us to some Asian Common Market, we might enter some of our very own and explore the possibilities of making them less common and more respectable. Let us choose at random one or two of the more common markets in the more congested areas of Hongkong and Kowloon and see what we find as we enter, or attempt to enter some of them, wading through pools of water of "fishy" smell, and trampling upon decayed cabbages, vegetable parings, etc before entering the immediate "marketplace" where "house" (uncooked) are exhibited to public view, not so appetizing when seen in the raw.

As we wend our way through the various stalls, selling sticky looking pigs (now become dead than a frisky pig should be, or oxidized ox that, like its neighbour poor porky, makes a sorry sight that certainly makes the ox tail soup less tasty than it should be. The whole atmosphere of our common markets, in fact, is one of offensive odours that seem to nose one on the nose as one approaches within tens of yards of these establishments. We have no idea what our Marvellous Mac's European Common Market smells like, but we have a suspicion that it is nothing like the horrendous odour that hits our nose as we enter the local common market in the Western District just a few yards off the Nam Pak Hong, the Wall-street of "China Town" in British Hongkong. Here, one can find the commonest of our common markets, and enjoy a variety of smells not available anywhere else East of Suez.

On the Peninsula, the Yaumatei Common Market is almost an identical twin of the Western District Market, only it is more of a mess than its counterpart on the Island.

So, will some of our aspiring future flapperish prime ministers please take note, and try to put our own common markets in order before trying to drag us into the more doubtful Asian Common Market as Mustangia Mac is now trying to hitch Britain to the European Wagon while our political wagons are on the road. —Y.T. MEI.

Old woman jailed on fraud charge

An old woman who organised 10 money-loan associations was jailed for two years by Mr Derek Cons at Central Magistracy this morning for fraudulently converting \$39,153 to her own use. The money had been entrusted to her by a number of the associations' members.

The unemployed woman, Chan Ngan, 59, of 79 Second-street ground floor, Suiyungun, pleaded guilty.

Chan told the Magistrate that she intended to refund the money to the members by instalments in the next two years.

Mr Cons remarked that Chan had no way of getting such a large sum of money and that he did not want her to obtain money in the same way again. Mr Cons added that Chan was an old woman, and although the court did not want to send an old person to prison, he had no alternative in this case.

Inspector Groomer informed the court all the members of the loan association were women and most of them were poor people. They were amahs and hawkers.

A large number of the victimised members packed the courtroom to hear the case this morning.

G. Johnston buried at Happy Valley

The funeral of Mr George Herbert Johnston, who died in his sleep yesterday was held at the Colonial Cemetery this morning. He was 82.

The Rev E. J. Hopkins officiated at the service. The late Mr Johnston is survived by two daughters Marion, in Hongkong and Marjorie (Mrs Lewis E. Briggs), in Montreal, Canada; two brothers, Clifford in Ontario and Stanley, in Cleveland, Ohio. There are nine grandchildren.

Among those present today were Dr and Mrs T. L. Quinn and their children, Herbert, Su, Helen, Calvin, Janet, Dennis and Keith; the Rev W. H. Tonge, Mr Wing W. Kwong, Rev A. G. Sherwood, Mrs Daisy Chan, Miss Jean Windsor, Mr Geo Kelly, Mrs B. J. Toh, Dr and Mrs Roy Mar, Mrs Pauline Cheong-ten, Mrs Louise Ching, Mrs W. H. Yeoh, Dr Renald Ching, Dr Jean M. Kilbon, Mr J. S. Hurst, Mr G. F. Mauldon and many others.

WREATHS

Wreaths were sent by Marjorie and Low, Junie and Pat, Ton and Marion, Herbert, Helen, Su, Calvin, Janet, Dennis and Keith; Kwan Tin-yam; Kwan Tin-wing and Kwan Jack-kitt; Cecil Chan; C. Y. Kwan; Dr and Mrs Roy Mar; Geo Kelly; Ton Yeck-kan; Miss Jean Windsor, Rev A. G. Sherwood and Dr Jean Kilbon in the United Church of Canada.

Finally as concluding advice from the wisdom of the great Confucian disciple whose words are as meaningful today as they were some 2,000 years ago, when our much revered philosopher and teacher, Confucius, taught this simple truth about every aspect of life. Our Master said, "Those who are born who are the highest type of people; those who become wise through learning come next; those who learn by sheer diligence and industry but with difficulty, come after that. Those who are slow to learn but still won't learn, are the lowest type of people." —Y.T. MEI.

PORT OFFICE

The Marine Department Headquarters in Connaught-road will be closed on Monday which is a public holiday.

On that day, the Port Control Office, the Entry and Clearance Office and the Marine Licensing Office will be open for public business from 9 am to 11 am only.



Photo shows the Deputy Prime Minister of Malaya with his two officials and the party who met him on arrival at Kai Tak last night.

Malayan official in Colony

The Deputy Prime Minister of Malaya, Tun Haji Abdul Razak bin Dato Hussein, arrived in the Colony last night by Swissair from Tokyo after a ten-day State Visit to Japan.

He was accompanied by two other members of the Malayan Government.

The two Government officials are Mr Raju Mohar, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, and Mr Jamil bin Abdul Latif, Chief of Protocol.

They will leave tomorrow evening for Kuala Lumpur. Meeting the group on arrival yesterday were Mr J. W. Chambers of the Colonial Secretariat, Mr S. A. L. Rahman, Chairman of the Malayan Association in Hongkong, and Mr David Chow, Business Relations Officer of the Overseas-Chinese Banking Corp. Travelling with the group was Mr H. S. Soh, managing director of Malayan Commercial Agencies Ltd., who had gone to Tokyo recently on business.

Infectious diseases

Forty-two deaths from infectious diseases occurred during the week ended on September 20, as compared with 39 in the previous week, health figures disclosed today.

Of the total, 39 deaths were from tuberculosis and one each from measles, amoebiasis and poliomyelitis.

In the same period, 54 fresh cases of tuberculosis were notified, bringing to 9,081 the total number of tuberculosis cases reported since the beginning of the year. Births registered in the Colony totaled 2,002-605 in Hongkong, 1,092 in Kowloon and 305 in the New Territories. There were 354 deaths from all causes: 128 in Hongkong, 108 in Kowloon and 33 in the New Territories.

SERVANT CHARGED

Expert testifies on U.S. banknotes

Mr Mak Chau-lun, Assistant Comptroller of the First National City Bank of New York and an expert on U.S. banknotes, testified before Mr A. M. MacMullin at North Kowloon Magistracy this morning, that he had received from the Police 35 \$20 U.S. banknotes for examination and had found them to be forged.

Mr Mak was testifying against Tin Fo-sin, 49, a servant employed by the New Asia College who pleaded not guilty difference between a forged and 35 forged U.S. Banknotes.

Mr Mak said that an ordinary person could not tell the difference between a forged or a genuine banknote.

Mr Wong Man-fu, a clerk of the New Asia College, testified that on September 12, while he was cleaning a desk in the office of the college, he found underneath the bottom drawer some \$20 U.S. banknotes wrapped in a piece of brown paper.

He said he immediately handed the banknotes to an English teacher. On the following day, in the same room, he was approached by the defendant who asked him whether he had seen anything in the desk. When Wong said he had, defendant asked him to hand the money back to him because it was forged and belonged to a friend who wished to take it to a foreign country to spend.

NEXT DAY

When Wong told defendant that he had handed the money to the school authorities, defendant told Wong to keep the secret otherwise he would lose his job.

The following day the school authorities handed the notes to the police and the defendant was detained.

Mr Timothy Light, English teacher of the New Asia College, testified that on the morning of September 12, he was in his office when Wong

From the Files

25 years AGO

October 1936

Senath, Missouri. Three girls and a boy were born today to Mrs James Bridges, 35, in a two room log cabin near here. Her husband is share crop farmer. He fainted when advised of the quadruplets. The weights of the babies were estimated at from two to three and one-half pounds each.

Much Chinese enthusiasm and hope was displayed on Saturday in the restrained observance of the Silver Jubilee of the Chinese Republic all over the country. Significance is attached to the fact that this is the first year in which Nanking had ruled the whole of China.

In Hongkong the Chinese national flag was flown on business premises and the populace were for the most part in festive mood. Practically all Chinese firms were closed.

Sir Robert Ho Tung has donated \$100,000 to buy an aeroplane as a birthday gift to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek. In Nanking, Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, reviewed 100,000 Chinese Boy Scouts from all parts of the country. In a stirring speech, the Generalissimo said that the unification of China must be made permanent.

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